

TWENTY
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW
APPEALS TO PRESIDENT
Wants Great Britain, France and
Germany to Withdraw From
Soil of Belgium.
FIGHT ON OWN TERRITORIES
Thinks Belgium Should Have Ap-
pealed to Whole World Instead of
to Triple Entente—Questions Be-
tween Belligerents Open.

LONDON, November 7.—The Nation yesterday printed an open letter to the President of the United States of America from George Bernard Shaw, from which the following are extracts:

"Sir: I petition you to invite the neutral powers to confer with the United States of America for the purpose of requesting Great Britain, France and Germany to withdraw from the soil of Belgium and fight out their quarrel on their own territories.

"However, sympathies of the neutral States may be divided and what- ever points now at issue between the belligerent powers may be doubtful, there is one point on which there can be no division of opinion, and that is that the belligerent armies have no right to be in Belgium, much less to fight in Belgium, and involve the innocent inhabitants of that country in their reciprocal slaughter.

You will not question my right to address this petition to you. You are the official head of a nation that is beyond all question or comparison chief of the neutral powers, marked out from all the rest by commanding magnitude, by a modern Democratic constitution, and by freedom from the complication of a monarchy and the tradition which have led Europe into the quagmire of a war waged formally between the German Kaiser, the German Czar, the German King of the Belgians, the German King of the Bulgarians, the German Emperor of Austria, and a gentleman who shares with you the distinction of not being related to any of them, and is, therefore, describable monarchical as one Poincaré, Frenchman.

"I make this petition on its merits, without claiming any representative character except such as attaches to me as a human being. Nobody here has asked me to do this. Many Englishmen will say that a request to the belligerents to evacuate Belgium forthwith would be refused, could not be forced, and would make the asker ridiculous. We are, in short, not to be deterred from doing so. It will be clear that even the strongest power or even an allied group of powers can have its position completely changed by an expression of the public opinion of the rest of the world.

"In your clear Western atmosphere and in your peculiarly responsible position as the head centre of Western democracy, you, when the European war became threatening three months ago, must have been acutely aware of a fact to which Europe was so fatally blind, namely, that a complete solution of the difficulties in which the Franco-Russo-British entente placed Germany was for the German Emperor to leave his western frontier under the safeguard of the neighborliness and good faith of the American, British and French democracies and then await quite calmly any action that Russia might take against his country on the east.

"But he did not do so. He could not have attacked him from behind, and had France made such an attack, and it is in the extreme degree improbable that French public opinion would have permitted such a hazardous and unjustifiable adventure, he would, at the worst, have confronted it with the fullest sympathy of Great Britain and the United States, and at best, with their active assistance.

"Unhappily, German Kings do not allow democracy to interfere in their foreign policy, do not believe in neighborliness, and do believe in cannon and powder. The Kaiser never dreamt of confiding his frontier to you and to the humanity of his neighbors, and the diplomats of Europe never thought of that right policy, and could not suggest any substitute for it, with the hideous result which is before you.

"Now that this mischief has been done, and the two European thunder-clouds have met and are discharging their lightning, it is not for me to meddle with the question whether the United States should take sides in their warfare as far as they are themselves alone, but I may plead for the perfectly innocent neutral state of Belgium, which is being ravaged in a horrible manner by the belligerents.

"I grant Belgium in her extreme peril made only one mistake; she called to her aid the powers of the entente alone, instead of calling on the whole world of kindly men. She should have called on America, too, and it is hard to see how you could, in honor, have disregarded that call. But if Belgium says nothing, but only turns her eyes dumbly toward you whilst you look at the red ruin in which her villages, her heaps of slain, her monuments and treasures are being hurled by friends and enemies alike, are you any less bound to speak out than if Belgium had asked you to send a million soldiers?

"Not for a moment do I suggest that your intervention should be intervention on behalf of either the allies or the entente. If you consider both sides equally guilty we know you can find reasons for that verdict. But Belgium is innocent, and it is on behalf of Belgium that so much of the world as is still at peace is waiting for the lead from you.

"No other question need be prejudiced if Germany maintains her claim to a right of way through Belgium on a matter which she believes, however erroneously, to be one of life or death to her as a nation. Nobody, not even China, now pretends that such rights of way have not their place among the common rights which are superior to the more artificial rights of nationality.

"I think, for example, that if Russia made a descent on your continent under circumstances which made it essential to the maintenance of your national freedom that you should move an army through Canada, you would ask our leave to do so and take it by force if we did not grant it. You may reasonably suppose, if all our statesmen raise a shriek of denial that we should take a similar liberty under similar circumstances in the teeth of all the scraps of paper in our Foreign Office dustbin.

"But the right of way is not the right of conquest, and even the right of way was not, as the Imperial Chancellor imagined, a matter of life and death at all but a military hallucination and one that has turned out so far a military mistake.

"You can leave every question between the belligerents fully open and yet, in the common interest of the world ask Germany to clear out of Belgium into France or across the channel into England if she can, or to go back home if she can force no other passage, but, at all events, to go out of Belgium. A like request, of course, be addressed to Great Britain and France.

"Here in England and France men are going to the front every day,

Women and children are all within earshot and no man is hard-hearted enough to say the worst that might be said of what is going on in Belgium now. We talk to you of Louvain and Rheims in the hope of enlisting you on our side or of prejudicing you against the Germans, forgetting how sorely you must be tempted to say as you look on at what we are doing: 'Well, if European literature as represented by the library of Louvain and European religion as represented by the Cathedral of Rheims, have not got us beyond this, in God's name let them perish!'

"I am thinking of other things, of the honest Belgians whom I have seen nursing their wounds, and whom I recognize at a glance as plain men, innocent of all warlike intentions, trusting to the wisdom and honesty of the rulers and diplomats who have belted them, taken from their farms and their businesses to destroy and be destroyed for no good purpose but that they might be achieved better and sooner by neighborly means.

"I am thinking of the authentic news that no papers dare publish, not of the lies that they all publish to divert attention from the truth.

"In America these things can be said without driving American mothers and wives mad. Here we have to set our teeth and go forward. We cannot say what we cannot say beyond the range of our guns. The roar of the shrapnel defends us; the black smoke of the howitzer blinds us. And what these do to our bodily senses, our passions do to our imaginations. For justice we must do as the medieval cities did—call in a stranger. You are not altogether that to us, but you can look at all of us impartially, and you are the spokesman of the Western democracy. That is why I appeal to you."

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 17

A campaign for the enlistment of young people in missionary work will be launched in this city beginning November 17, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Missionary Union. Mrs. E. E. Osgood, president of the organization, will direct the campaign, and the meetings will be held in the rooms of the Y. W. C. A.

The contest will be competitive, and will last for two weeks. At the end of each week two pennons will be given out. The committees in charge of the campaign are as follows:

Episcopal—Miss Sallie Deane, Miss Jennie Hughes, Mrs. E. E. Osgood, Mrs. T. Crawford Redd.

Methodist—Miss Nellie Spence, Mrs. W. B. Newell, Miss Lucile Roberts, Miss Janie Simpson.

Christian—Miss Inez Fox and Mrs. L. Neale.

Presbyterian—Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson McLaughlin.

English Lutheran—Mrs. L. L. Scherer.

Baptist—Miss Alice Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Willingham, Mrs. J. P. Thomas, Mrs. Benjamin T. Crump and Mrs. John Garland Pollard.

METHODIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED THIS MORNING

St. Paul's Methodist Church will be dedicated at the morning service today, with Rev. T. McN. Simpson, presiding elder of the Richmond district, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

At the night service Rev. O. W. M. Taylor, a former pastor, will preach. At the conclusion of the sermon the church notes, amounting to \$7,500, which have been paid, will be burned.

DR. WILSON PRESENTED WITH HANDSOME CHEST OF SILVER

Rev. Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Baptist Church, and his wife celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Friday.

Immediately upon the closing of the night revival services at the church, and in the presence of a large congregation, Dr. Wilson was presented with a handsome chest of silver, containing 100 pieces, by members of the congregation, as a token of their love and esteem. The presentation was made by Herbert Cox, one of the deacons. The pastor made a feeling response.

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WAVERLY, VA., November 7.—It may not be generally known, but the fact is that Sussex County, of which Waverly is the commercial and financial capital, has a right to be recorded in the list of good roads counties of the Old Dominion. Only one fact there has been no bond issues and no hue and cry about the good roads, but all the same the people have been making them right along, and doing it within their means. It is easy to make good roads in Sussex County, especially this end of it. The soil is such that it is easily worked, and all that was required to make good roads was to make them and exercise some judgment as to drainage, etc. The officials have gone about road improvement in an intelligent way, and it has been found that the most intelligent expenditure of money obtained from the tax and some other sources can give the people good roads without a big bond issue. Were it necessary the people would promptly vote a highway tax, but they have not found it necessary. In a quiet way and without any blowing of trumpets, the districts have for the past decade been doing a great deal of good road building, and the regular income from road tax, etc. To-day this end of Sussex County has good roads that will match any in the State, and the men who have the matter in charge are still building and improving highways.

The business spirit of Waverly encourages this road-making idea all the time, and when necessary the people of the town come to the help of the farmers. The roads leading out from Waverly in all directions are among the best in the State. The farmers, especially the now ones that have come in here from the West and the Northwest and invested in Virginia lands, appreciate these good roads, for they know they have enhanced greatly the value of the lands they are cultivating to profit. The cotton growers of this section of Sussex County are, of course, a little blue, as are the cotton growers all over the country, but the judiciously planted cotton growers do not suffer entirely upon cotton. They make peanuts, too, and they make corn and they grow potatoes and they raise hogs and they raise chickens and turkeys, and then, too, they make vegetables and fruits and all kinds of things. They are in no sense "one gallop" farmers. If one thing falls to pan out because of wars and rumors of wars, they have only the time to fall back on. That is, the glory and the beauty and the profit of farming in Sussex County, convenient to Waverly.

WAR AND THE PHONE.

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entirely without precedent. It is the first time in the history of this telephone business when a comparative statement of income has not shown some gain over the previous year. At the present time the gross revenues of the Bell system from long distance traffic are 92 per cent of normal. In 1912 a gain of 12 per cent was made in long distance traffic, and only slightly less than that in 1913. This decrease below normal has all come since July 31, and is directly to be laid at the door of the war. When it comes to toll and exchange business of the entire system, traffic is about 95 per cent of normal. This is even more startling than the falling off in long distance receipts, which are obviously a matter of business. Exchange telephone traffic, on the contrary, is a subject which is vitally connected with the daily lives of the people. It is safe to say that no expert would have ever predicted that the exchange traffic of the Bell system would admit of a decrease. Now, to must be laid to causes created by the European war. The decrease in the income of the local subsidiary system is spotty. In the great Northwest, in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and States which have felt the boom of high prices for grains, there is no decrease in business. On the contrary, there is a 5 per cent or 6 per cent increase. But in England and the Middle Atlantic States are showing shrinkages, particularly Pennsylvania, which has been hard hit by the depression in steel and West Virginia, whose coal business is in the doldrums. The South, for obvious reasons, is showing a decided falling off. This comparative decline in telephone business did not become clearly outlined until about September 1. It has come so late that the fall financial month to December 31 is almost sure to show some sort of an increase in total income. For the

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eight months to August 31, for example, the gain in gross was \$7,700,000. If the last four months show a decrease of 5 per cent there would still be a small gain at the end of the year of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in total revenues of the Bell system.

RECOGNITION GAINED FOR IRISH BRIGADE

DUBLIN, November 7.—John Redmond's request for the official recognition of an Irish Brigade has been met. The Nationalist leader shortly before the prorogation of Parliament declared that his country had a right to claim that Irish recruits for the expedition-

ary force should be kept together as a unit, offered as far as possible by Irishmen, and composed, if possible, of county battalions, "so that Ireland may gain national credit for their deeds and feel like other communities of the empire, that she, too, has contributed an army bearing her name in this historic struggle."

Since that manifesto was published recruiting in Ireland, north and south, has been active, and now the Irish Brigade, as outlined by Mr. Redmond, is being formed. It will consist of the Sixteenth Division of the new army, composed of twelve purely Irish battalions, with headquarters at Malin, County Cork. Most of its officers, including the commander, will be Irishmen, and Mr. Redmond has agreed to regard the division as the Irish Brigade.

Lieutenant-General Sir Lawrence Worthington Parsons, a former "gunner," and a King's County man, has been appointed to the command. Sir Lawrence formerly held an Irish command, while he did good service in South Africa, being present at the relief of Ladysmith. Since then he has been inspector-general of artillery in India. He was knighted on his retirement two years ago.

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